

Washington State Elections Weekly

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Why the new look?

The look of the weekly has changed, but the content remains the same. When we upgraded to Office 2013, the graphics contained in the email didn't look so hot. And, more and more of us are reading our email on mobile devices. So, we've created a plain text version for easy reading while we explore other options. I hope you continue to find this weekly newsletter helpful.

Campaign contributor info in online Voters' Guide

We heard only positive feedback from counties regarding OSOS's pilot project featuring a direct link on [each candidate's online Voters' Guide page](#) to their campaign contributor information on the Public Disclosure Commission's website. As a result, we will proceed with plans to launch this feature statewide for all state and local candidates who file with the PDC. Information for local measures and special elections will also be available. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact WEIsupport@sos.wa.gov.

Coming Soon Training Registration Tool

In 2014, you'll be able to register for C&T trainings when our new registration tool is deployed on the [Administrators](#) tab on our webpage. In 2015, you'll be able to apply for certification using this same online tool! Your login will be your email address. Please expect more details *this month* from electiontraining@sos.wa.gov and the newsletter.

Training Elections 101

Registration will open when we roll out our new registration tool later this month. We'll send both an email notice and an update in the Weekly. In the meantime, save the date and consider attending this foundational class for both election newbies and veterans!

- Feb 26 & 27, Longview
- Mar 4 & 5, Wenatchee
- Mar 12 & 13, Renton

E101 is an orientation course required for election administrator certification.

New AVU Testing Log

Testing of AVUs is part of the official L&A test. The testing log is required to be included with your official L&A documents. To help you, we've created a new [log](#) and added it to the WEI Help Manual for your use. Let us know what you think.

New Postal Prices in January

The **USPS Postal News** announcement outlines several [postal increases](#) to be effective in January. This news is especially important for counties without USPS postage due accounts. If you don't have a postage due account, you must include exact return ballot postage in your ballot packets.

Election Administrator Certification

Renewal of certification happens in January. If you have not submitted your renewal form, please send a completed form to ctsupport@sos.wa.gov. [Forms](#) and a list of Secretary of State sponsored [classes](#) with the number of hours is found on our website.

Motor voter and online transaction report

Click [here](#) to see the monthly report of motor voter and online transactions.

VRDB Data Integrity

849 [felons were pending](#), and will be cancelled on Feb. 3rd. The [deceased voter check](#) will happen this week.

VRDB User Group Conference Call

The Votec and DFM [user group conference calls](#) are this Thursday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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